

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 228

By Littleton

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Ray Crouch, Sr., upon his receipt of the Cheatham County Good Scout Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Ray Crouch, Sr., who was recently honored with the Good Scout Award for outstanding leadership in Cheatham County; and

WHEREAS, the award is presented by the Boy Scouts of America, which has provided youth guidance in character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness for more than 100 years; and

WHEREAS, a native of Kingston Springs, Ray Crouch is a graduate of Austin Peay State University, who went on to serve the State of Tennessee for thirty-eight years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crouch embarked upon his illustrious career with the State in 1973 as a systems analyst for the Department of Transportation; he estimably served in the State Fire Marshal's office from 1978 to 1986, and he was the assistant commissioner of administration for the Department of Commerce and Insurance from 1986 to 1992. Mr. Crouch then served with distinction for nineteen years with the University of Tennessee Municipal Technical Advisory Service until his retirement in 2011; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to the growth and management of his beloved city, Ray Crouch has served the Town of Kingston Springs enthusiastically as mayor and fire chief; and

WHEREAS, a committed and conscientious civic leader, Mr. Crouch has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order through his work with numerous worthy

organizations, including the Tennessee Fire Chiefs Association and the Mid-State Mutual Aid Association and the advisory board of the Tennessee State Fire School; and

WHEREAS, Ray Crouch's long association with the Boy Scouts of America began in 1960, when he followed in his father's footsteps and joined Troop 594, which his father served as scoutmaster; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Mr. Crouch has served the Boy Scouts of America in numerous capacities, including den chief, assistant scoutmaster, and scoutmaster for Troop 594; assistant council commissioner for the Boy Scouts' Middle Tennessee Council; and district commissioner for the Highland Rim District consisting of Cheatham, Dickson, Hickman, and Humphreys counties; and

WHEREAS, additionally, his son, W. Ray Crouch, Jr., obtained the rank of Eagle Scout, and Ray Crouch, Sr., achieved the rank of "Life" scout during his scouting career; and

WHEREAS, through his estimable service to Cheatham County, Mr. Crouch epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Ray Crouch for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Ray Crouch, Sr., upon his receipt of the Cheatham County Good Scout Award, thank him for his meritorious service to Cheatham County and this State, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.